Celebrating a Decade of Drive!



Participate in the Conference Ride-n-Drive

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to kick the tires of the latest alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles at the Ride-n-Drive. Conference attendees will accompany exhibitors and hit the streets with the latest models. Each exhibitor will have a pit stop on the inside lane that surrounds the Sailfish Fountain to demonstrate vehicle features. The pit stop will also be a starting and stopping point for test drives along a predetermined route that will demonstrate performance under road conditions. Here's how it will work:

Conference Attendees: The Ride-n-Drive will be held next to the Sailfish Fountain in front of the convention center. There, you can watch ongoing vehicle demonstrations from exhibitors and learn about the diverse AFV fleets on the roads of South Florida. If you're interested in riding in or driving a vehicle, bring your conference badge and a valid driver's license to the Ride-n-Drive registration table under the palm trees. Sign the participant waiver, receive a wristband, visit the exhibitor pit stop area of your choice, and drive safely.

Exhibitors: All exhibitors are invited to participate in the Ride-n-Drive at no additional cost and are encouraged to demonstrate their latest products on the road with conference attendees. Each exhibitor will be contacted by event coordinators. Those who agree to participate will be provided a packet that includes an exhibitor waiver, a route map, a diagram of designated pit stop areas, a preliminary list of participating vehicle makes and models, and samples of route direction signage. Although pit stop areas will be marked with signs, exhibitors are welcome to bring additional signs related to their products. Exhibitors need to notify event coordinators in advance of any special interest products for the media. Vehicles should be in the pit stop areas an hour before the event each day (check Conference Program for Ride-n-Drive hours) and removed from the area at the end of the Ride-n-Drive. Signed exhibitor waivers and details on number and type of vehicles are due to event coordinators by April 16, 2004.

Display of Local AFV Fleets: Along with vehicles provided by exhibitors, a sample of South Florida AFVs will include sedans, pickups, police cruisers, shuttle buses, maintenance vehicles, and more will be on display around the Sailfish Fountain. Along with their vehicles, local fleet participants are also welcome to bring their own signs to explain or promote their efforts and send a positive message to constituents with possible local media coverage.

General Public: Because the Ride-n-Drive will be held outside the convention center in a highly visible public area, the public will be encouraged to visit the display of local AFV fleets and listen to exhibitor demonstrations. However, the public will not be allowed to ride in or drive the vehicles.

